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c. 1930

Aberdeen Esso Service Station

Aberdeen

Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Aberdeen Esso Service Station

2 LOCATION

STREETS. NUMBER

NE cr. U.S. 40 and Bel Air Avenue

CITY. TOWN

Aberdeen

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

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STREET & NUMBER

503 Ponderosa Drive

CITY. TOWN

Bel Air

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code"

Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREETS. NUMBER

CITY. TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY. TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION☒ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☐ XALTERED**CHECK ONE**☐ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Aberdeen Esso Service Station is a concrete roadside automobile service station built about 1930 and located on the northeast corner of U.S. 40 and Bel Air Avenue in Aberdeen, Maryland.

The building, facing west across U.S. 40, is a one-story office with a covered driveway and gas pump island. A hipped tile roof covers the entire structure. The exterior is stucco.

The office section has plate glass windows facing the paved service area on the north, west, and south. A series of small square panes above a transom bar tops each window. The restrooms are behind the office area and are reached by separate outside doors on the north and south elevations. The doorways are placed within blind molded arches in the stucco. The overhanging roof of the driveway has foliated scroll corbels. The soffit of the overhang is covered with pressed metal sheets in a square-within-square pattern.

A three-bay garage of later date adjoins the office building on the north.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE - CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES C. 1930

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Aberdeen Esso Service Station is an unaltered example of the early gas stations which were built during the era of automobile proliferation between the World Wars. The architecture of these stations is clearly an outgrowth of the needs of the automobile traveler: simple office functions, covered service area, public restrooms, and convenient access to gas pumps and the main highway. The decorative corbels of the Aberdeen Esso Station are a vestige of the high-style architecture of the Beaux-Arts school, a period drawing to a close at the time of the station's construction. They may be interpreted as an attempt to legitimize the service station as a permanent aesthetic form, the designer using recognizable features of a more established style in the absence of an evolved gas station architectural vocabulary.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE

Janet Davis, MHT/SHA Surveyor

December 11, 1980

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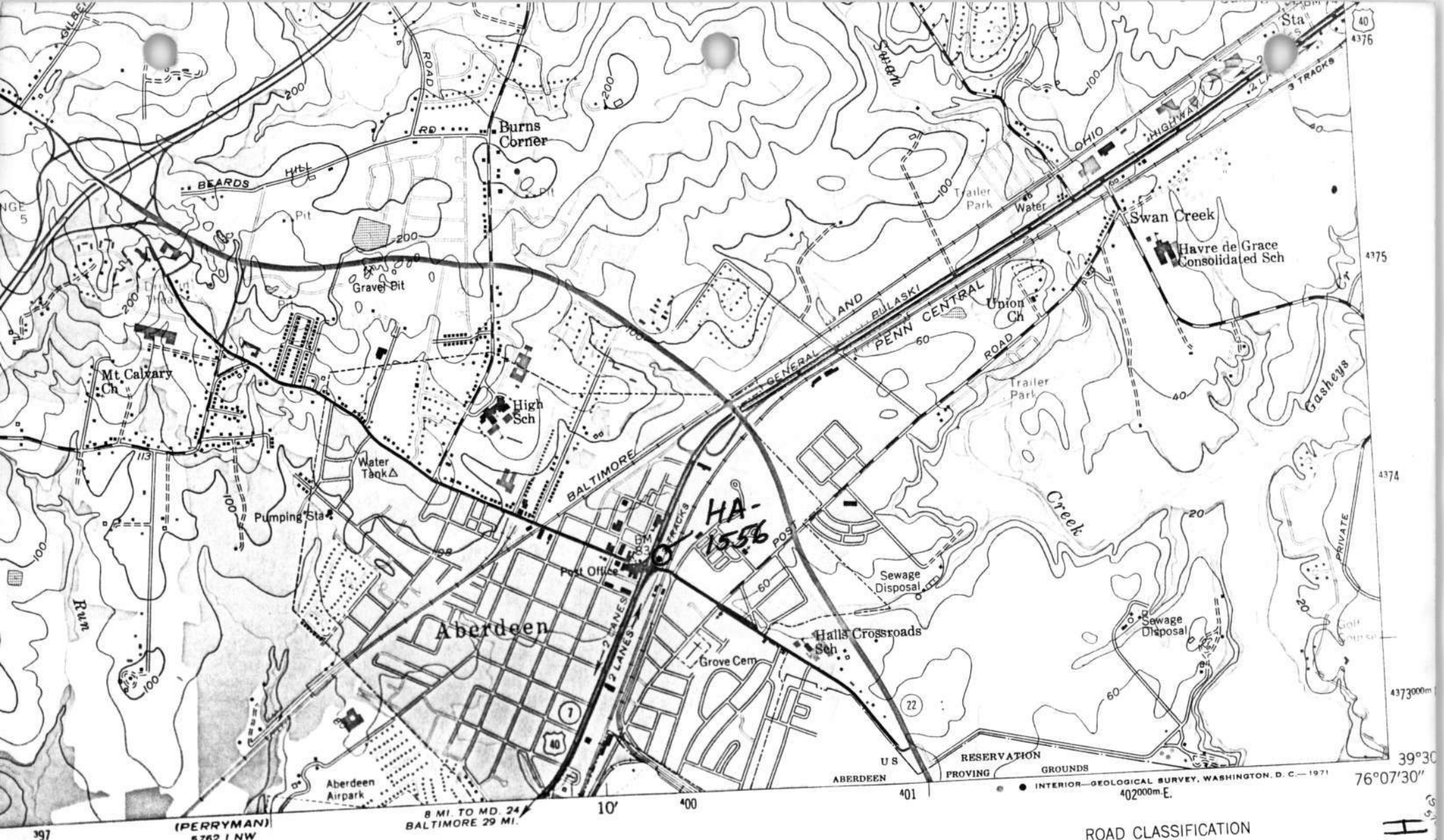
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Maryland 21401

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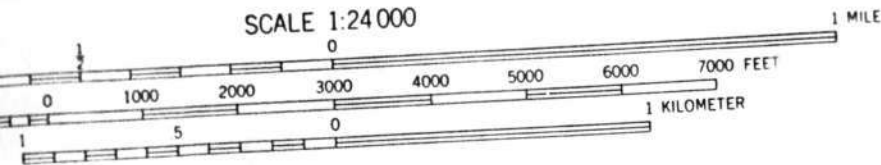
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	4 LANE 6 LANE	Light-duty
Medium-duty	4 LANE 6 LANE	Unimproved dirt
	U. S. Route	State Route

ABERDEEN, MD.

SW/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE
N3930-W7607.5/7.5

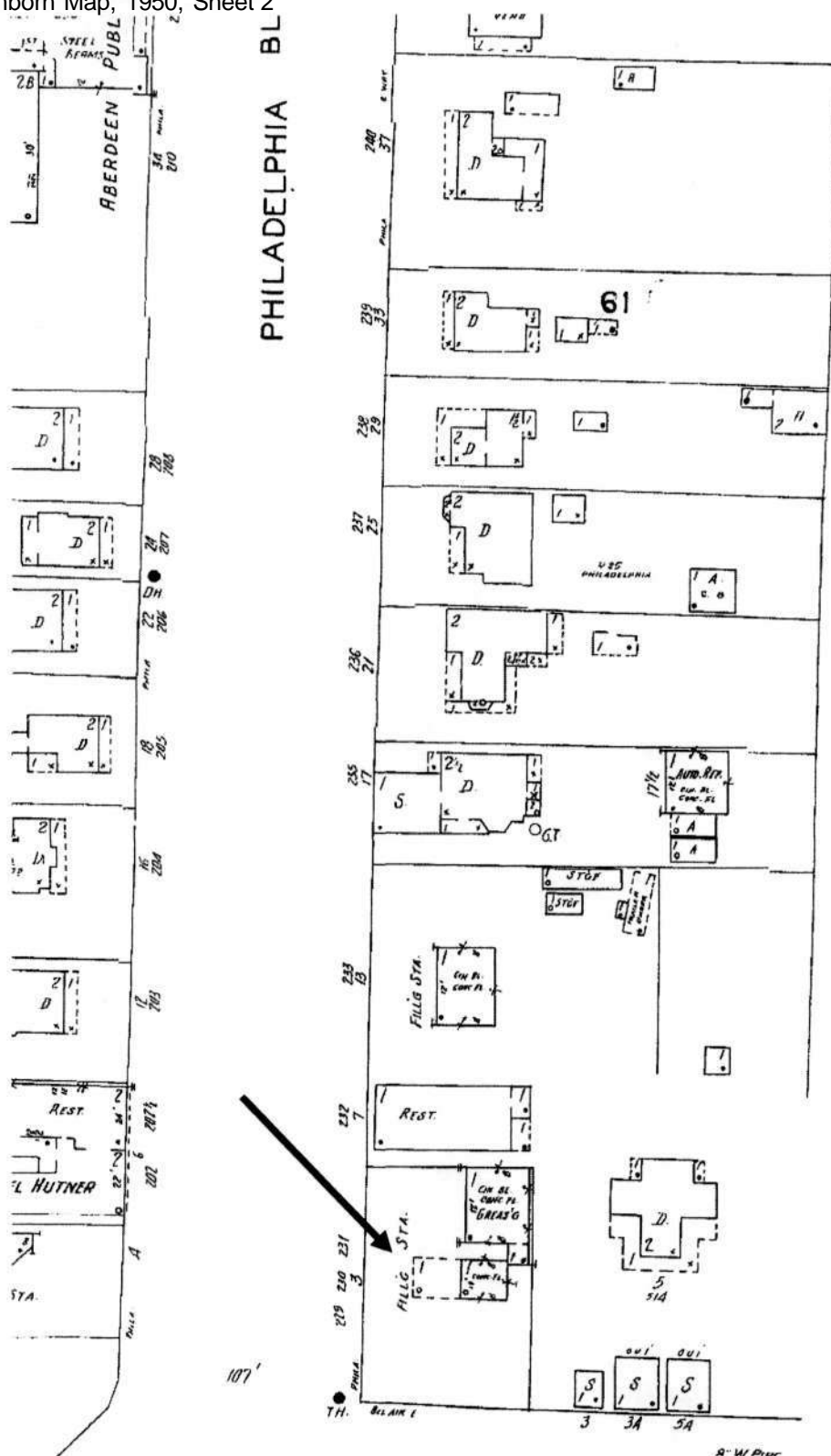
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FEDERAL GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242

Aberdeen Esso Service Station, site
3 North Philadelphia Boulevard (US 40), Aberdeen
Sanborn Map, 1950, Sheet 2



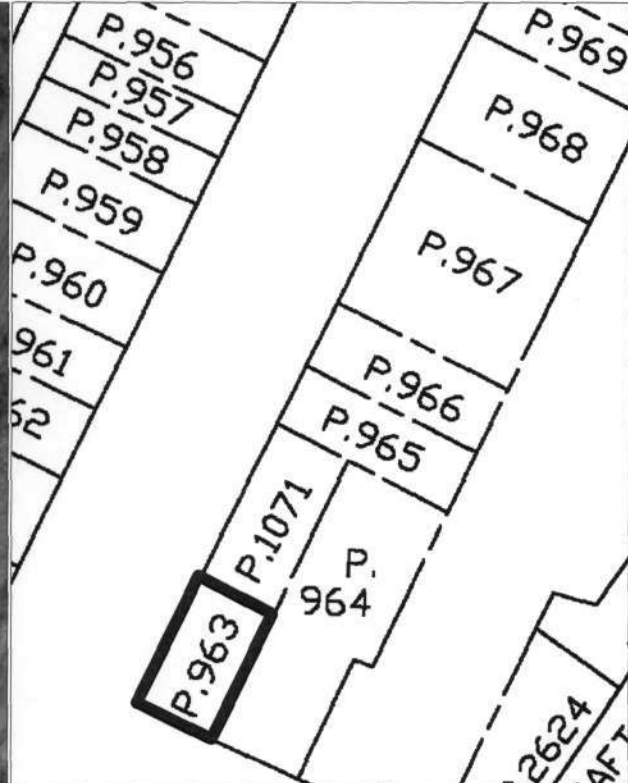
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Aberdeen Esso Service Station, site
3 North Philadelphia Boulevard (US 40), Aberdeen
Aberdeen quad, 1953 (Photorevised 1985)



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Aberdeen, Md.

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general view from north



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detail of canopy



A black and white photograph of a public restroom entrance. The door is white and set within a decorative archway. Above the door, the word "LADIES" is written in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. Above the archway, there is a small, dark, circular object with a cross-shaped metal grate over it. To the left of the door, a vertical pipe runs down the wall. The wall is light-colored and textured. The base of the wall is dark and appears to be made of brick or concrete blocks. There are some electrical conduits and pipes visible on the left side of the wall.

LADIES

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detail, rest room



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detail of canopy console